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The following documents are cited in the specification of the above-identified patent application:

- (1) Wu et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,625,477, issued April 29, 1997;
- (2) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application No. (A) 08-317324 (CANON INC), published November 29, 1996;
- (3) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application No. (A) 10-197850 (CANON INC), published July 31, 1998; and
- (4) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application No. (A) 7-101336 (MATSUSHITA ELECTRIC IND CO LTD), published December 26, 1990.

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- (17) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application No. (A) 7-234635 (FUJI XEROX CO LTD), published September 5, 1995;
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- (19) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application No. (A) 9-050502 (SMK CORP), published February 18, 1997;
- (20) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application No. (A) 9-218930 (MASUNO YOSHIKI FUKUMURO MASAHARU), published August 19, 1997; and

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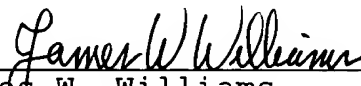
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